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Hodgson says it's time for a change

Tory MPP quits politics to have 'better quality of life' in the private sector

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

On Thursday morning, Chris Hodgson was just a normal dad, driving his son Cody to the Silver Sticks hockey tournament in Sarnia.

That's just how he wants life to be right now. Normal.

And that's why, less than 24

hours earlier, Hodgson was in the media spotlight answering questions about why he's resigning immediately as the Minister of Municipal Affairs. He'll stay as the MPP for Haliburton-Victoria-Brock until the next election.

After nine years at Queen's Park, including eight years in the provincial government's

cabinet, Hodgson says it's time to devote a little more time to his family.

"I want to have a better quality of life," he said in a telephone interview during the drive to Sarnia. "I'm just looking forward to change. I'm 41 years old and if I'm going to have a change, it's the right time to do it..."

"It's the right time to get on with our lives."

Hodgson has four young children and the oldest, Clayton, was very sick before Christmas with a viral infection. Although he'd been thinking of retiring from cabinet before that, the experience highlighted his awareness that "children grow up too quickly."

Politics gave him little time to spend at home and when asked if his change in priorities has anything to do with his children, he said "that's 100% of it."

Hodgson's younger brother Andrew, who is executive director of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, said he

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Dog power

A dogsled racer makes his way up a hill during the eight-dog race in the 2nd annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Races on Saturday, January 11. There were more than 80 competitors who competed and came from across Ontario, Quebec and even the United States. Hundreds of people watched the races that ran the entire weekend. See pages 8 and 9 for more photos.

Photo by Darren Lum

Laurie Scott first to announce Tory bid

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

One of Laurie Scott's earliest memories is sitting on a stage, gloved hands folded neatly on her lap, as she listened politely to Premier Leslie Frost give a speech.

She was four years old and her father, the late Bill Scott, had recently been elected as this riding's Tory Member of Parliament, a position he would hold from 1965 to 1993.

Thirty-six years later, on a snowy Monday morning, she left her house in Kinmount at 6 o'clock and headed for Ottawa, where she works as a Conservative senator's assistant. Given how many times she watched her father set out in the dark on the same journey, it was déjà vu all over again, only this time she was the one behind the steering wheel.

Until last week, this was a pilgrimage Scott envisioned herself making regularly. Her hope was to become this riding's next MP, taking the seat from her Liberal opponent, John O'Reilly.

But on Wednesday, when MPP Chris Hodgson made his surprise announcement that he

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news and events worth noting

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Walt McKechnie and Glen Sharpley were back at their old tricks this past weekend. The two Haliburton business owners, who are both former NHLers, took part in a fundraiser at the Corel Centre in Ottawa – and no, it wasn't to raise money for the bankrupt Ottawa Senators. They took part in a day of three-on-three, no refs, no rules hockey to help the community build much-needed arenas. Haliburton Lake cottager Dave Brown says the event, which raised \$25,000, was a fun time for players and fans alike.



Murray Tripp, centre, one of the volunteers who run the 4Cs food bank, was thrilled with the Christmas money tree donations from V & S, represented by owner Andy Glecoff, left, and Haliburton IGA, represented by owner Bob Park, right.

Food bank continues to get Christmas presents

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Although the Christmas rush left the shelves at the 4Cs' food bank a bit empty, local residents and businesses are banding together to refill them.

The proceeds from the Christmas money trees at Haliburton IGA and V & S department store recently gave the food bank a much-needed cash infusion.

"This for us is a treasure," said 4Cs volunteer Murray Tripp when he accepted cheques worth a total of \$2,129. "This donation will help us bring our supplies up to par."

"I can't say thanks enough."

In the weeks before Christmas, V & S and IGA put

up Christmas trees festooned with "4Cs bucks". Each buck was worth a different amount. People took a buck off the tree and, when they went to the till, they made a monetary donation equal to that amount.

Andy Glecoff, owner of V & S, and Bob Park, owner of IGA, promised to match the amount raised up to \$500.

By Christmas day, the tree at V & S had yielded \$270, which Glecoff matched, and the tree at IGA gave forth \$1,089, to which Park added \$500.

The food bank donated Christmas hampers to more than 200 families thanks to the generosity of local residents and businesses.

However, there are many families who rely on its assistance throughout the year so donations are welcome at any time.

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Hodgson leaves a strong legacy

*Politicians and
community leaders
praise MPP's
accomplishments in
Haliburton County*

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

First came the shock and then came the realization of how much this county was losing when MPP Chris Hodgson announced last week that he's retiring from politics.

"I'm devastated," says county warden Ross Rigney, who's also reeve of Minden Hills. "He fought very hard for a lot of change that's benefited Haliburton County. It's nice to be able to pick up a phone and get a call back from your MPP in 24 hours. He was a great listener and genuinely interested."

"He's set a great example of what an elected official should be. Everything he was involved with benefited us all. We'll notice a difference when he's gone."

Rigney was at a conference with long-time Mississauga mayor Hazel McCallion, who called Hodgson "the best Minister of Municipal Affairs and the first one who really listened."

Part of Hodgson's legacy will be the new Municipal Act, which is undergoing its first major overhaul in more than 100 years after years of ministers promising to make changes.

Rigney says that, as minister, Hodgson had to sit through a lot of meetings but was able to put it all together and come up with solutions. "He kept his head and his eye on target."

Yet for all he did for the county, Hodgson was also honest about the limitations of his power, Rigney says. "He couldn't solve all our concerns but he made an attempt to solve most of them and he never promised more than he could deliver."

Yet Rigney also respects Hodgson's decision to step down. "I can appreciate there's a lot of pressure."



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo files

As an MPP and cabinet minister, Chris Hodgson did a lot to bring provincial funding and programs to the Highlands. Although his work as MPP took him out of the county for most of the year, he always returned for old favourites, such as the Rotary parade. In this file photo, he enjoys the summer tradition with his wife, Marie, and cousin Bob English.

Rigney was always impressed by how important Hodgson's children are to him, and how he tried to involve them in his life as much as possible.

"We've been really lucky to have him for three terms," Rigney says, "but I think we'll see him again. I'm going to wish him the best. We'll miss him. He was a great friend to the community."

"It's a great loss to the area," says Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "Chris knows our situation and was always listening and did what he could to help us. He is very sincere and cares about this riding and this province."

"He's got a legacy that will be remem-

bered."

As a cabinet member, Fearrey says, Hodgson might not have agreed with everything his government did but he always stood by it even when it was difficult, such as laying off several Ministry of Natural Resources employees in Minden.

Fearrey respects Hodgson's decisions to step aside from politics. "It's such a terrible job," Fearrey says. "It's a real pressure cooker. Whatever his decisions are, I'm sure they're right but we're really going to miss him."

Ted Brandon, who was Hodgson's riding liaison before taking a job with the

Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College, says that his years with Hodgson gave him a glimpse of how hard Hodgson worked.

"It's a tough way to make a living," Brandon says. "You're always under the public eye; you're always working, whether you're at a hockey game with your son or grocery shopping, and I think it just wears on people. The time has come when he'd like to pursue something in the private sector."

At the same time, Brandon says, Hodgson "lived and breathed politics"

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Turning the sod for a new college campus was one of his top goals.



New hospital facilities in both Minden and Haliburton were his shining achievement. Here he tours his work in progress with members of the HHHS and construction firm.



Hodgson helped county politicians. Here he addresses county council.

Hodgson's 'humanity really came through'

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and was highly effective as this riding's MPP. "He's done so much for the riding. The list goes on and on. Hospitals, schools, the fish hatchery. He certainly had a positive influence in this region that's never been seen before and might never be seen again."

When Brandon worked for Hodgson, whenever the government made a decision Hodgson's first question was whether it would have an impact, positive or negative, on the riding.

And Brandon respected Hodgson as a person, too. "The nice thing about working for him was you never had to apologize or backtrack. He was always level-headed and calm."

Hodgson's younger brother Andrew, who is executive director of the Progressive Conservative party of Ontario, says that Chris's legacy is how much he cared about the riding and its people.

When you combine that compassion with a determination to make the system work for your constituents, Hodgson was able to accomplish great deeds.

"He was fighting yesterday for SuperBuild funding for Kinmount," Andrew says. Other MPPs, and even cabinet ministers, are constantly phoning Chris to find out how to get

their projects through the labyrinth of funding programs.

"He's got an unbelievable understanding of how government works," Andrew says. "Dad would be so proud of him."

The late Doug Hodgson instilled in his sons his love of politics and history, turning family vacations into historical tours of famous battle sites. "Dad would talk for 20 hours on the way to Florida and it was always interesting," Andrew laughs.

Foster Loucks, the founding executive director of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, says that what impressed him so much about Hodgson was not how much he achieved, but the motivation behind the achievements.

"His humanity really came through," says Loucks, who retired last year after seeing the healthcare centres' expansion projects through to completion. "I always felt that's what you had in Chris - his humanity..."

"It seemed to me that regardless of party, Chris was there for us as someone from the county. He wasn't doing this for political gain, or to get re-elected. It was because he was from here and it was important to him. And it was important to him because he knew it was important to the people of the county."



Listening to people concerns - and caring about them - is listed as one of Chris Hodgson's attributes. Here he has an impromptu chat in front of Head Lake.

It was never about Chris.

"There's no question," Loucks says, "that having an ally like Chris has just been key to our success in rebuilding our facilities and the work of health services. Chris was there when we'd run into an impasse or when things weren't moving ahead to nudge things along or unlock a door. We were able to do it because he was there talking to the right people at the right time. Just judging by the interest he took and the support he gave us, I feel privileged to have been on the receiving end of that interest..."

"I'm happy for him [now that he's retiring] but I know the people of this county will miss him. It's going to be a long time before we have someone like Chris."

Barb Bolin, director of the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College, shares those conflicting reactions. On the one hand, Hodgson was instrumental in getting the college permission to build, and funding for, a new Haliburton campus. On the other, "12 years in politics is a long time. Chris has put in his time and met his objectives."

Bolin says that when it came to expanding the campus, "he opened the doors to the provincial government to allow the community to host the college. I don't want to diminish the community's contribution but he needed to sell [to the province] how much the community wanted this..."

"Chris's father was a big proponent of seeing the college

grow and that made Chris passionate about it."

Larry Hewitt, past president of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, says Hodgson's departure from the political scene is "devastating."

"He's really helped the fish hatchery which is an asset to the community. Without Chris we definitely wouldn't have got as far as we did. We earned the respect [of the Ministry of Natural Resources] but without him we wouldn't have been able to accomplish so much. He opened doors and kept the dialogue going."

Hodgson was also instrumental in helping the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Committee get \$50,000 to improve campsites on the Frost Centre's canoe routes, Hewitt says.

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United effort

In appreciation of five years of work on the Drag River, Mike Varty and Lesley Pearsell were proud to unveil the Drag River plaque at the top of the river walkway a few months ago. The plaque, designed by Pearsell and crafted by Varty, is a celebration of the more than 100 people who have worked together for a better environment. The river now boasts spawning beds and natural fish habitats. Doug Wood and Marvin Varty donated time and labour to the installation of the plaque that will become a testament to the people who worked on the project.

Teen recovering well from accident

A local teenager from West Guildford has recovered from minor injuries after being struck by a car last Tuesday.

Codi Clark got out of a car driven by his mother on Highway 118 and was crossing the road when a car behind their parked vehicle pulled out

to pass and hit him.

At the time, the Clark vehicle was stopped in the westbound lane of Highway 118 just west of County Road 6.

Codi had started crossing into the eastbound lane of traffic, when 78-year-old James Chambers of Minden began to

pass the Clark car and Codi was struck.

Codi was taken to the Haliburton Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and released. Chambers was not injured in the accident.

No charges have been laid.

Echo staff

Alzheimer workshop on January 22 to help caregivers

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area is hosting a workshop/speaker day for professionals and family members caring for individuals with Alzheimer's disease at the Delta Pinestone.

Janet Bottum, the society's Haliburton office coordinator, says it was important to her to have a day for people in this county who may not have been able to travel to workshops in Peterborough in the past.

The event is on January 22 and covers various issues caregivers face while dealing with this progressively debilitating disease. In the morning, Pam Fisher from the Psycho-geriatric Association for Research for the Elderly will discuss how to deal with delirium, depression and dementia.

The afternoon's main speaker will be Carol Edwards, a Registered Nurse who puts a positive spin on caring for those with the disease.

The society's Peterborough education coordinator, Karen Marten, and Bottum, will talk about the family experience.

"My father was diagnosed at the age of 61 so there was a huge impact on my family. Taking this job gives me the feeling of doing something pro-active. It helps me to feel connected to my Dad who died in '97," says Bottum.

Bottum remembers the difficulty of the decisions at various stages of the disease. She hopes to be able to offer comfort and important information to others who are now confronted with those decisions.

Bottum says in the year she has been in her position there have been an increasing number of people making use of the office but it tends only to be those in a younger generation making use of the support groups. She thinks this may be because younger people have been raised to accept therapy and support groups as being as acceptable as band-aids and hugely beneficial.

There are 327 known cases of dementia in Haliburton County.

For more information call 457-8335. Bottum is also hoping people will go to Peterborough for the indoor Walk for Memories on Jan. 26, a fund-raising effort.

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Thanks, Chris

At times this past week, it felt as if *The Echo* was gathering quotes for Chris Hodgson's obituary. There was such a deep sense of loss, of mourning, which greeted the news that he was retiring from politics. Yet at the same time, because he is so well liked and respected, both as a politician who has done so much for this county and as a person who was willing to dedicate so much of his energy to improving the lives of the people who call Haliburton County home, there was an equally deep sense of rejoicing over his decision. People know the sacrifices that he and his family have had to make. As one person said, this county is lucky that his wife Marie "loaned" him to the riding for so long. His four children also deserve the riding's gratitude.

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editorial

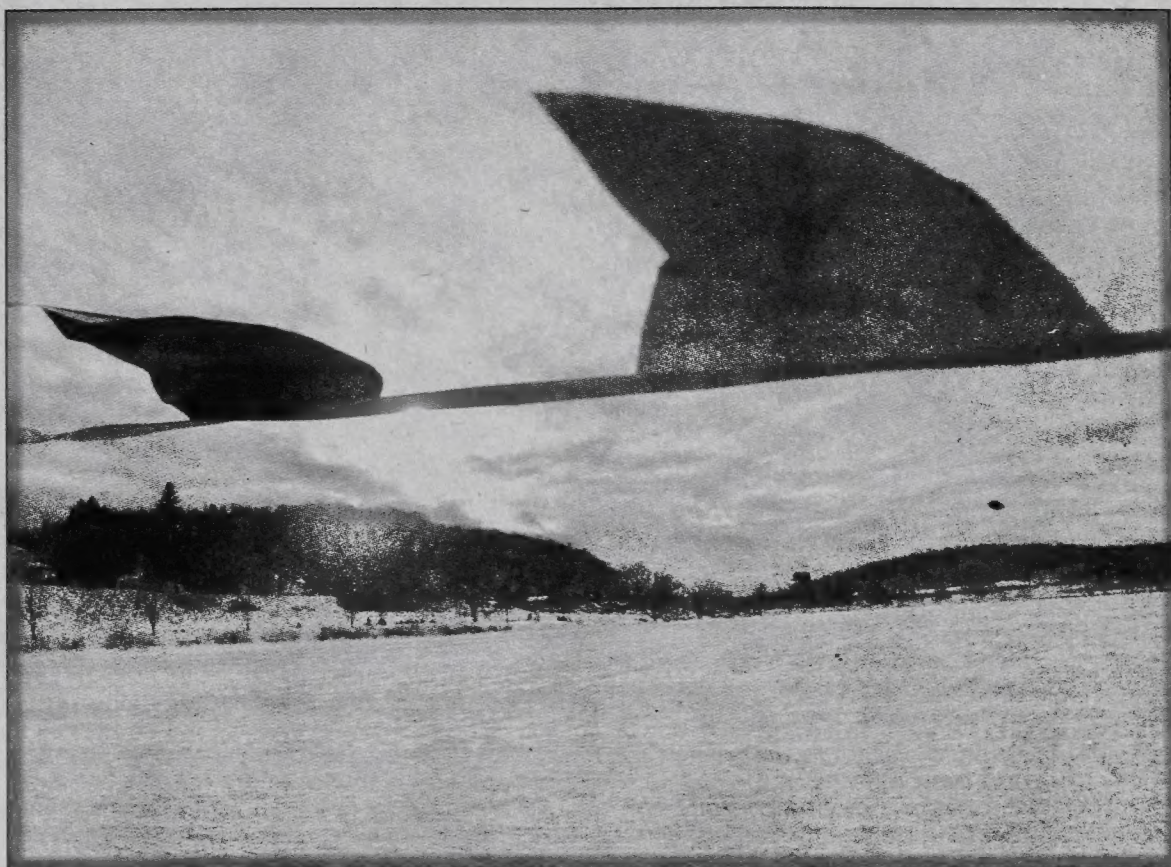
— martha perkins

Eight years in provincial politics is a very long time, and the vigorous demands of always being "owned" by the public would test the endurance of any person, let alone a man with such a young family. For all their fears about the future without Hodgson as this riding's representative, people are genuinely happy that he is putting his own family first for a change.

It's a testament to Hodgson's legacy that people are afraid of what may happen now that he's no longer the riding's voice at Queen's Park. One of the best, most admirable things about him is that he used the power he had as a cabinet minister not for his own gain, or self-aggrandizement, but for what that power could yield for the people in Haliburton-Victoria-Brock. Power may corrupt others, but for Hodgson it was simply a tool. Granted, he took pleasure in using that tool, but he's also willing to walk away from that power without any regrets. He doesn't need the power to fulfill his own sense of self. Not many people who are lured into politics could say that.

Some may look at his achievements as a form of community patronage. Instead of rewarding family members, he rewarded the people of the riding. But while Haliburton County especially has benefited from his ability to get funding and programs, you have to remember where we were before he was elected. In Haliburton, we had a hospital where if you arrived at the emergency department in the middle of the night, you had to ring a doorbell to get in. In Minden, the hospital was a wooden frame building which was more a proud relic of the past than a modern medical facility. The county's teenagers were crammed into a small high school which, with Hodgson's help, now boasts a proper athletic complex and cafeteria, not to mention a science wing. Stuart Baker Elementary School, which has continued with Victoria Street School's legacy of love and learning, would have been nothing but an addition onto JDHES were it not for Hodgson's intervention. Our students have a much better chance of succeeding, having been given a better foundation. We have better highways and better infrastructure. Funding to the Trails and Tours Network will enhance the county's tourism potential. Tourism and our natural resources have already benefited from Hodgson's support of the fish hatchery and Drag River Rehabilitation Project. The list goes on.

So, although this week's *Echo* may seem like an obituary for Hodgson, everyone should rejoice that he's still around to read all the nice things people are saying about him. It's not true that there are no friends in politics. Queen's Park may be a world of intrigue, backstabbing and power ploys, but back home in Haliburton, Hodgson has more friends than he'll ever know.



Wind-whipped flags at Head Lake

photo by DARREN LUM/Echo

Taking control of things

A specific, traditional activity, running like a leitmotif through our lives, heralds each coming season. Spring - seed catalogues sprout; summer - BBQs light up; autumn - leaf raking mania appears; winter - Janus-like fascination with retrospection and prediction.

This last one has become more than a tradition; it's almost a passion. The media, especially TV and radio, seem fixated on this exercise while we just keep feeling that we are increasingly swamped by the mass of minutiae in our daily lives. So how did we, whom the twentieth century seemed to bless, arrive at this moment, increasingly characterized as the stressed out society?

During the 1930s the stresses of "modern life" had already become part of advertising jargon. Feenamint presented its gum-chewing laxative product as a necessary adjunct to the pressures of modern life. Modern living, 1930's style, was filled with drudgery in the home and the workplace.

Gradually those stresses have been reduced. Labour-saving appliances and eight hour days, five days a week, were supposed to give us more leisure time; more time to smell the roses. The past century showered us with technical wonders, opening up opportunities rarely imagined in earlier times. We have embraced them fully. Somehow, along the way, we have managed to turn these modern miracles into the well-spring of much of our daily stress.

By mid-century Henry Ford's dream of a car in every garage had been realized. From that glorious realization to road-rage has taken us only a few decades. Even without the extreme of road-rage, too often it seems as if we created a monster that we more often curse than bless.

If the advent of regular car travel seemed wondrous, the air travel possibilities seemed truly miraculous. Most stories today of flying off to

distant, even exotic places are far more likely to tell of long line ups, broken schedules and other delays; irritation at best, air-rage at worst. The wonder of it all rarely even surfaces.

We tend to focus on these modes of travel as sources of much of our stress but in fact they are merely passive participants. Not so with many

other modern contraptions that technology has bestowed upon us. When Alexander Graham Bell created the telephone he was as innocent as Henry Ford was in his dreams. To be able to talk to others outside audible range seemed only to be progress.

From the telephone to the internet to the cell phone to the palm corder, we have gradually taken this idea of rapid, even instant, communication into unheard of realms. These inventions, however,

are not passive participants in our daily routine. They are active. They demand that we come when they beckon, filling our days with more and more interruptions.

In total frustration one man publicly announced a halt to this staccato existence. On a CBC commentary he stated that he would no longer be tied to his cell phone during his waking hours. No longer would he feel it necessary to read and answer all e-mails when first turning on his computer each day. Nor would he continue to expect instant responses to his summons.

Feenamint may no longer be trumpeted as the antidote to "modern living" but, if the pharmaceutical commercials are to be believed, we are in great need. Perhaps if we could learn to use the inventive gifts that the twentieth century bestowed upon us and stop abusing the privileges that they have conferred upon us, we would achieve a way of life envisioned by those dreamers who created these miracles of modern ingenuity.



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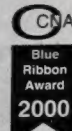
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Share and share alike

Most of us have been taught that sharing is a kind and noble act. Well, let me share this with you: this nobility and kindness only applies if done in moderation. An overabundance of sharing, in fact, can be a horrible thing - it explains colds spreading in kindergarten and why you know far too much about that overfriendly hypochondriac who cornered you on the bus.

I was reminded of this recently when my three-year-old daughter, Carmen, decided that I should partake in the joys of sharing food with her - whether I wanted to or not. The food in question was a soggy cookie, something near and dear to a toddler's heart, ranking high among their most prized possessions, right up there with one-eyed teddy bears and headless dolls.

Refusal to participate, I knew, would be tantamount to a grievous

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insult. Kids take these rituals quite seriously. There's sort of an if-you're-not-with-us, you're-against-us attitude. I knew I'd have to let her down easy on this one or Carmen would cut off all diplomatic ties. Next thing you know there'd be full-fledged war at the dinner table. And with hot food, I was afraid of collateral damage to regions that were entirely innocent.

It began so simply.

"Daddy, want some?" she asked rhetorically, jabbing the sodden biscuit towards my face.

"No thank you," I replied while

dodging, smiling and speaking serenely. "Daddy's full."

"No you're not," she said with authority.

"Yes, he is," piped in Jenny, my teenaged daughter. "Just look at him."

I was just deciding whether to thank Jen for support or punish her for impudence when she skittered off to wherever it is teenaged daughters disappear to in times of trouble. With Jenny gone, I was without backup.

Punishment it was.

Sensing my fear, Carmen advanced rapidly.

"Daddy have some," she continued insistently. "I licked off all the dog hair."

Call me crazy, but I politely declined again. "No thank you, but I'm sure Jenny would like some."

Carmen never even considered the thought.

"Daddy, I am sharing with you. Okay, I am sharing! You have some now!" She said this with a grim finality that made me suddenly see the startling resemblance she bore to her mother.

"Carmen, it's good that you want to share but Daddy doesn't want any," I replied quite nervously.

"Yes you do! You want some," she growled.

Put that way, it seemed like an offer that I couldn't refuse. Yet I realized that if I ate the remnants of that soggy cookie, however good it looked, from here on in I'd be doomed to share pretty well anything that Carmen and the dog didn't want to finish. And when you are talking about three-year-olds, that includes anything from carrots to crayons.

It's been this way forever, even when I was a kid. That's why my stomach still goes a little queasy whenever I spend too much time looking at live bait. And June bugs just cause me guilt and horrible flashbacks.

It's not that I wanted to eat any of these things. More like I had a predisposition for politeness that was, until then, unheard of in a boy my age. It's not something I'm proud of, but it was the main reason I was constantly a patsy in the sharing process. I couldn't say no to toddler hospitality.

But nearly 40 years have passed since then and I decided right then and there that I'd take a stand. There was no way that my dietary habits were going to be dictated by a pre-school mindset. Very deliberately, I put down my lollipop so I could explain this to Carmen more clearly.

Before you know it, she and I had a long, heart-to-heart chat about the etiquette of sharing. I was even allowed to express my concerns once or twice, after finally getting the lollipop out of my beard. And though I'm not sure that we came to much of an understanding, in the end, at least I didn't have to eat that cookie.

Jen, on the other hand, was not exactly happy.

Later on, at dinner, Carol questioned why I had hardly touched my favourite meal: food.

"Are you all right?" she asked. "It's not like you to refuse thirds."

"I'm fine," I mumbled.

"Have one of my carrots Dad!" Carmen screeched.

"No!" I responded, somewhat briskly.

"Steve," Carol said with a grim finality that made me see the startling resemblance she bore to her daughter, "she's trying to share. It wouldn't hurt to encourage her a little."

And I would have too - if I hadn't filled up on crayons earlier.



pic of the past

This memorable picture of the late Frank Biagi was taken in July of 1942 by the late Norm Smith, a long-time Lake Kashagawigamog cottager. Norm's daughter Lorraine, who now lives on the lake, recalls that Frank was a lumberman who operated the Biagi sawmill and "a super fisherman. He was very much missed when he decided to move west." Our thanks to Lorraine Smith for sharing the photo with us.

letters to the editor

Sledder objects to derby venue

To the Editor:

I don't think that I am the only snowmobiler inconvenienced by the Sled Dog Derby in Haliburton this past weekend. Take the fact that the OFSC trail was partially closed for the event, the fact that a track was plowed over Head Lake, the fact the snowmobile traffic was rerouted around Head Lake and onto the sidewalks (for anyone who knows, that's illegal), and the fact that an event without even a permit can do all this.

Sunday afternoon I'm riding and I'm told by a volunteer that I can't go on the lake because there is a dog race in progress. I was told I had to use the sidewalk to get into town. I was unaware that the dog sled organizers now owned Head Lake and wouldn't let me ride on it! Sorry guys, but you do not own the lake and have absolutely no right to close it off to snowmobiles or anything else.

I assume the HCSA gave permission to the dog race to use the trail from Head Lake out to the dump then proceeding to the Hydro lines. This closed the trail to snowmobile use for the weekend. Am I ever glad I supported our local club and bought a trail permit again this year.

In last week's paper there is an article written about Bill 101 and reminding everyone to have a

trail permit or face a \$205 fine if caught on OFSC trails. This is not new, but is now being enforced. I also assume that the dog sled owners had to buy the same permit as me, after all, this is a pay for use trail system. Do they face the same consequences as everyone else? I don't recall being asked if I would mind giving up what the mandatory purchase of my trail permit entitles me to.

My suggestion is that perhaps another year, organizers might even consider that there are other people in this community, and put more thought into the location of the event. I think all activities might be accomplished more effectively with more consideration and better planning. I hazard to guess that snowmobiling brings a fair revenue to Haliburton's commerce...and dogsledding? I don't know.

Bill Vickery,
Haliburton, Ont.

A wolfish adventure

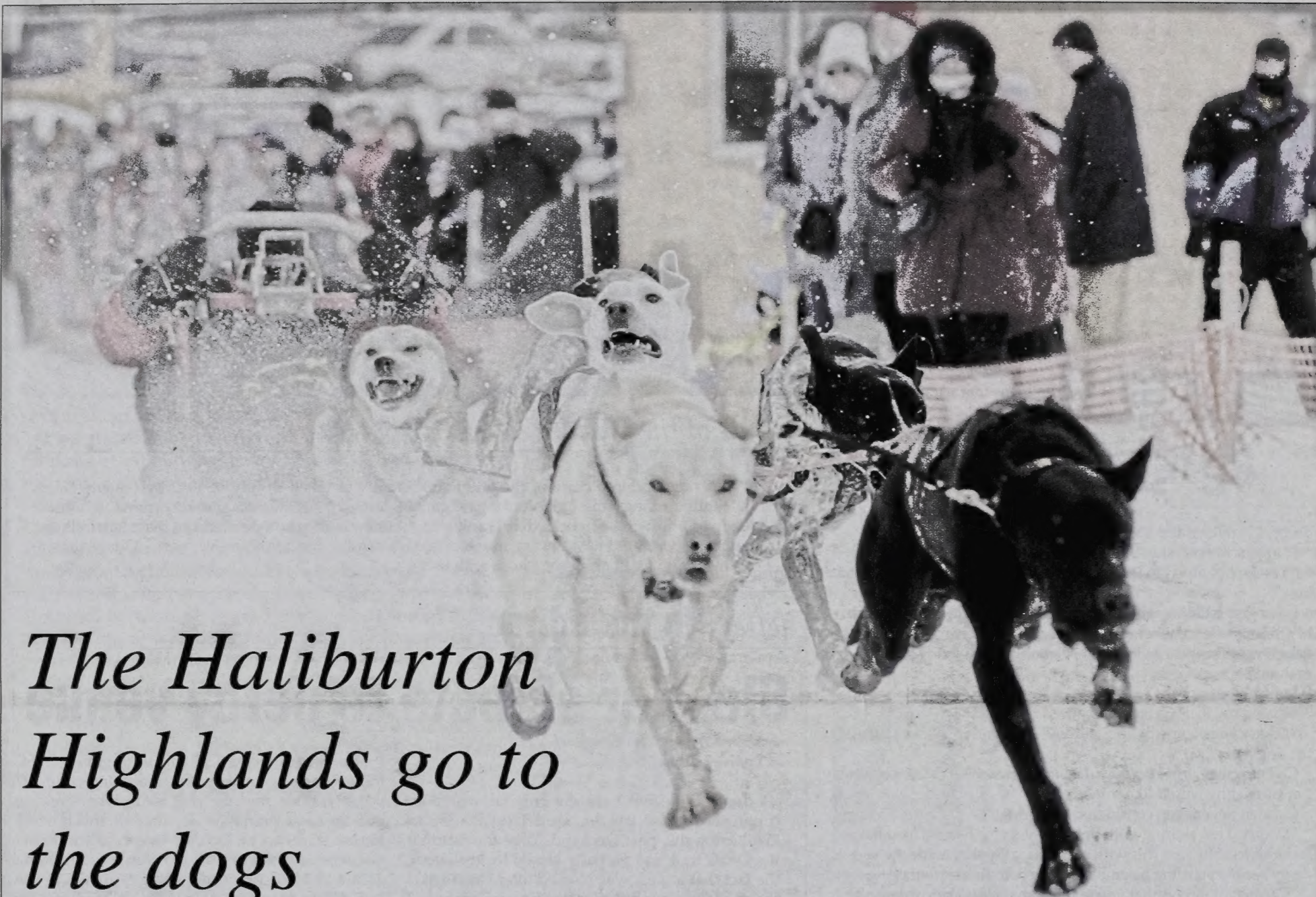
To the Editor:

One of the best Christmas gifts that I received from my husband was a dog sled certificate for

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





The Haliburton Highlands go to the dogs

Results, in order of ranking, of the 2003 Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby held January 11 and 12:

8 Dog Open: Andre Ponerleau, Serge Ponerleau, Richard Lacelle, Lou Serre, Pam Richards, Steve Rooke, Charles Charbonneau, Robert Warden, Herve Belangea, Denis Rozon.

8 Dog Purebred: Leigh Gilchrist, Tim Schell, Jordon Ritcher, Jim Cunningham, Ian Morgan, Peter French.

4 Dog Open: Lou Serre, Clement Baudreau, Pam Richards, Mike Siertsema, Tammy Smith, Laura Ford, Richard Lacelle, Ken Davis, Marc Bastien, Bill Castalde.

4 Dog Purebred: Stephanie Rooke, Susan Gilchrist, Lacey Hendrik, Thomas Rose, James Rossiter, Lynn Hiley, Judy French, Ian Morgan, Rick Hendrik, Walter Grohman.

6 Dog Open: Lou Serre, Laura Ford, Ron Richards, Mike Siertsema, Richard Lacelle, Jacques Blais, Roger Bastien, Ken Davis, Danny Rebuli, Clement Baudreau.

6 Dog Purebred: Susan Gilchrist, Gerald Clarke, Rick Hendrik, Rob Grath, Joe Powell, Bill Hay, Jim Cunningham, Laura Turascky, Eric Ayers, Daryl Schuler.



The 2nd annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby started and finished. Sub-zero temperatures with high winds didn't deter spectators as hundreds braved the elements during the weekend-long event. Nearly 100 teams were registered in the event and they came from United States such as Illinois and provinces such as Quebec. Small towns across Ontario were also represented.



Dog fun in the Highlands



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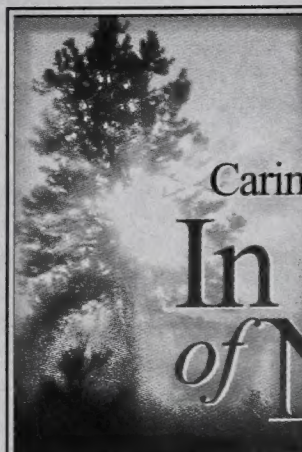


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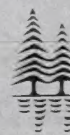
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Performer wins over audience

Jack Grunsky, an acclaimed Canadian children's performer who has received two Juno awards, performed to 160 adults and children at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Sunday, Jan. 12. Grunsky demonstrated an international flavour by using musical instruments from around the world such as East Indian ankle shakers and the African mbira. This is the second in a series of performances for the Razzamataz Kids Shows. The next show is Tout Baghai and will be at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Sunday, March 2 at 2 p.m.

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Scott switches to provincial politics

from page 1

was retiring from politics, she had to quickly switch mental gears and try to imagine herself making a similar drive to Toronto after spending the weekend at home with her constituents.

On Saturday afternoon, Scott announced her intention to try to take Hodgson's place at Queen's Park. It was a tough decision to make, and she says she was compelled by two factors: the many phonecalls of encouragement she had received and her desire to work on behalf of the people of this riding.

"While we are sad to lose Laurie federally we feel this step is what is best for the people of Haliburton-Victoria-Brock provincially," John Macklem, vice-president of the federal Progressive Conservative riding association, said in a press release. "We need a strong individual like Laurie in order to continue to have a strong voice at Queen's Park."

She's the first person to formally make a bid for the provincial Tory candidacy. Her potential competitors don't have long to decide whether to contest her. The deadline for nominations is January 31, with voting for the new candidate to take place on February 15 in Lindsay.

However, right now she wants the main message to be about Hodgson and his many contributions to the people of Haliburton-Victoria-Brock.

"I just can't say enough about what he's done for the riding," she said on Monday morning after stopping in Renfrew to answer messages on her cell phone. "He's so great and so talented. He's just increased the whole recognition for our area. He's done all the right things for the riding."

"There will be a huge loss."

She wants to be able to carry on with Hodgson's legacy, citing such things as expansions of schools, hospitals and roads. As a nurse who still works occasionally at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay, healthcare would be one of her top priorities as an MPP.

While she enjoyed taking a broad brush approach to issues on a federal level, she is excited about the challenge of having a much more direct impact by implementing those issues on a provincial level.

This "switching of focus" will not be that difficult, she says, because she's been involved with every election, both feder-



Laurie Scott says that provincially or federally, politics is about helping people.

ally and provincially, and has always had close ties with the riding associations on both levels.

As well, she says, being a politician at whatever level of government is about serving the people.

"I have the luxury of growing up in a public family," she says. "I have travelled, lived or worked in every corner of this riding. I had great opportunities in life [as the daughter of a politician.] My family's always been into helping people. The main thing is you were out there for the people."

She says it's also an advantage to have grown up in Kilmount which, from its geographically central location, is at the edge of each half of the riding. Through her family's involvement in community life - they still own a farm in Kilmount, her brother Guy is a councillor for Galway/Cavendish and she's nursed in the area - she's kept in touch with the issues and concerns of the riding.

"I certainly love the riding," she says. "It's been an extended family all of our lives."

Even though recent polls gave local Hodgson a solid lead against his Liberal

opponent, his brother says the Progressive Conservative party is still going to work very hard to make sure the riding elects another Tory now that Hodgson's name won't be on the ballot.

"I'll be spending a lot of time to make sure we hold the riding," says Andrew Hodgson, the younger brother who is also the executive director of PC Ontario.

Andrew says it's in his nature to worry about the riding. "Any time you have a change it's difficult. The transition's tough but we feel optimistic that things will come out well and people will remember all the good things the Tory government has done for the area."

When Chris announced his resignation, there was some speculation that Andrew would step in since he obviously shares his brother's love of politics.

"I'm not running for dog catcher," Andrew laughs. "I'm not interested, no."

Dale Walker is the president of the Tory riding association for Haliburton-Victoria-Brock, says that while the asso-

ciation is very sad about Hodgson's decision to leave politics, it's very confident about the party's future in the riding.

"This is a pretty solid Tory riding," Walker says. "Chris helped a lot - he was personable, easy to talk to and always had the riding in his heart. But we've got to move forward. Chris won this riding solidly and a good candidate can win it again solidly. We're confident we'll get the right candidate."

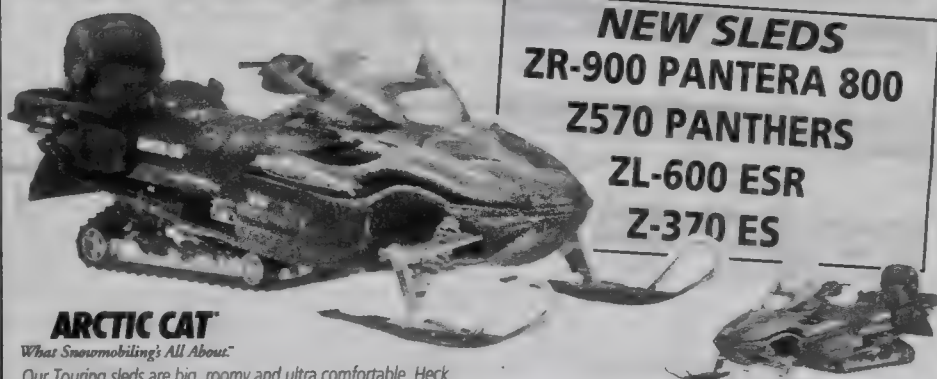
Anyone who bought a party membership to vote in the leadership campaign is still eligible to vote for the new candidate.

Andrew Hodgson says the top priority is to have an open and fair nomination.

"Once we get our candidate we will give them every resource we have," Hodgson says. "If we have a spring election, it would be an advantage [to us]."

Hodgson says his brother also timed his resignation to allow him to spend time with the new candidate both in the riding and at Queen's Park.

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Red Hawks home to roost

BRAD NUCKLE

Special to the Echo

HHSS 57 Aquinas 28

The Junior Red Hawks basketball team played St. Thomas Aquinas on Wednesday, Jan. 8 knowing they were going to win due to an overwhelming win at Thomas Aquinas in their last meeting a few weeks ago.

The Red Hawks started the game strong, sparking a 57-28 victory. With Aquinas dressing only eight players, the Red Hawks knew if they ran them hard enough, they'd get tired and sloppy.

From the tip-of to the sound of the buzzer, the Red Hawks stuck to the game plan, tiring out their out-manned opponents.

Red Hawks Matt Moore and Josh Warburton pounded the boards, preventing the Aquinas team from getting many offensive and defensive rebounds.

When the first quarter ended the score was 13-6 for the Red Hawks. Building upon their eight point lead, the Red Hawks went on a 14 point to four point run to give the homeside a 27-10 lead at half.

It was expected Aquinas would come out fired up for the second-half, but with a short bench they just didn't have the resources to mount a come back.

By the end of the third quarter, with the score 44-17 for the Red Hawks, the game was all but over. Despite



Above: HHSS captain Conrad Flatman takes a wide stance blocking the path of an Aquinas player. Flatman led all scorers with 20 points.

Right: HHSS player Paul Johnston turns to follow an Aquinas player breaking down the lane towards the HHSS basket.



Photos by LEN PIZZY/Echo

the lead, the Red Hawks kept up the defensive pressure, allowing seven points in the third quarter and 12 in the fourth.

"We played well. Our defense was solid and we got a quick start to make them know who we are and where they are," captain Conrad Flatman said, who led all scorers with 20 points.

Overall the team was happy with the win. They

played the type of basketball that Haliburton is known around the league for...our defense. Mark Fisher led with the most offensive and defensive rebounds. Good work guys, stay strong and 'D' what? Defense'.

Along with Flatman, scoring came from Mark Fisher who added 14 points while Benton 'shot the lights out' Brown contributed seven.

SODA player of the game: Conrad Flatman.

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*Game #5	Feb 2nd 4:30pm	Haliburton

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Game #2	Jan 19th 6:30pm	Minden
Game #3	Jan 24th 7:00pm	Minden
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ATOM AE STORM VS BRIGHTON

Game #1	Jan 19th 1:30pm	Minden
*Game #4	Feb 1st 4:30pm	Haliburton
*Game #6	Feb 9th 3:00pm	Haliburton

* - if required, note if game tied after 10 minute overtime, series goes to a point series. If series tied after 5 games a 6th game will decide winner

Check ice conditions before venturing out: OPP

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police would like to remind the public that before venturing out onto area lakes they should be checking the ice conditions.

Plenty of lakes in Haliburton County have had open water within the last week and the recent heavy snowfall will also affect ice conditions. Remember: when in doubt, don't go out.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Not enough: HHSS player Matt Reil turns to the slot as teammate Jordan Campbell, nearest, turns to collect the puck. Red Hawks lost 6-4 to I.E. Weldon.

Haliburton Curling Club boasts 'bull-roarer'

GORD WRIGHT

Special to the Echo

On January 8 at Haliburton Curling Club, the rinks of Richard Freeman and Phil Arrowsmith were in from Bobcaygeon; the rinks of Don Ballantyne and Stan Hill were in from Minden; the rinks of Wayne Worsley and Bob Mason were in from Fenelon Falls; while the rinks of John Lindsay and Ken Wilson attended from Haliburton for the North Kawartha Senior Men's Tour third game of the season.

I found I was under the misconception that Fenelon Falls Curling Club was the only one to have a very noisy player but today I found Haliburton has a bull-roarer by name of John. Next time I see his name on the list I will have to wear my industrial ear protectors; he can be heard in Minden with the doors closed.

The first and second winners were both from Haliburton and both tied with 37.25 points. So to the rules, ends were tied but number of rock in both games came out with the "bull-roarer" skip

John Lindsay, vice Garry Thorpe, second Ken (Jones) Smith and lead Al Sheridan. They got 23 rocks given to them from both Fenelon Falls rinks, while the other rink with 21 rocks were skip Ken Wilson vice Joe Iles, second Glen Carter and lead Len Salvatori. With 25 points were skip Don Ballantyne, vice Erskine Flook, second Ralph Newton and lead Don Pflug; then with 22.25 points were skip Wayne Worsley, vice Mike Bidder, second me, Gord Wright and lead Bill Gosling.

We should be covering everyone by saying thanks to the Club President

Chester Howse for putting together the right people: the lunch turned out excellently, the bar was well attended and you had the right scorer and the best ice-maker. And Howse, don't keep it all to yourself - pass it on!!

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MPP will miss 'sport' of politics

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was amazed by how content Chris was when they met with the riding executive in Lindsay on Wednesday night.

"Chris is happy and at ease with what he's decided to do," Andrew says.

Chris Hodgson agrees with that assessment. "Once you make the decision it's easy. It's making the decision that's hard."

Hodgson has resigned from cabinet but he will remain as a backbencher until the next provincial election, which may be as early as this spring.

In the meantime, "I'm just going to catch my breath" before deciding what career he'd like in the private sector.

Because the children are in school near Toronto, Hodgson and his wife Marie aren't planning on moving back to the Highlands in the near future, but it certainly is one of their long-term goals. Until then, there are weekends and summers at the cottage at Haliburton Lake to look forward to.

The Toronto media have been putting various spins on Hodgson's decision, including that he lost fights with fellow cabinet ministers and that he fears being a backbencher if the Conservatives don't get in again.

But as those who have played hockey with him in Haliburton know, Hodgson doesn't shy away from going into the corners.

"The fun of politics is the fight, the challenge," he says. "That part of it is the sport. I'll miss that part of it actually."

As to fears Haliburton County will not fare well without him as its advocate at Queen's Park, Hodgson says the experiences of the past bode well for the Highlands' future.

"The people in Haliburton County gave me the support to make things happen," he says. "Together we've accomplished quite a bit. We worked together and this county can really pull together."

"The fact that local fundraising (for the hospital expansion projects) has reached more than \$5-million speaks to that. I know the province gave a record amount of money but that's a tremendous amount to raise. By working together, we made it happen."

Andrew Hodgson says he often heard his brother making a similar argument with cabinet ministers and their staff, letting them know how much money a small community was able to raise. "If Brampton was able to raise money like that, they'd have the Taj Mahal."

Another accomplishment that proves that Haliburton County has what it takes to succeed is the Drag River rehabilitation project, Hodgson says. "There's no better example of getting the community to work together - the school, teachers, students, businesses and volunteers. We can make things happen."

The MPP says now is the also right time to retire from politics because he's achieved the three goals he first set out with when he ran for reeve of Dysart et al in 1991: increasing the capacity of Haliburton's sewage treatment plant to allow for growth in the village; new hospitals; and more job opportunities through an expanded campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College.

Proud of those achievements, Hodgson says there have been many other local accomplishments, such as the expansion of the high school, the construction of Stuart Baker Elementary School, the enhanced role and development of the fish hatchery and the removal of education funding from the property tax base. The board of education was looking at laying off 35 teachers because local property owners couldn't afford the entire burden of education costs, he says.

He gives part of the credit for his success to his staff, which he describes as wonderful. "My staff have been amazing. It's not the easiest job in the world but we've been able to achieve a lot."

Asked if he has any advice to give to his successor, Hodgson says, "Listen. We've got great people with great ideas of how to make this place better."

Ward regrets losing Hodgson as an opponent

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Jason Ward says he's disappointed he won't be able to have an "old-fashioned, honest race" with Chris Hodgson in the next provincial election.

The Liberal candidate says that Hodgson would have been a worthy opponent.

"He has a solid reputation as a public servant and the residents of our riding, especially the northern part, should be proud of what he's accomplished," Ward said Wednesday morning. "I don't take exception with Mr. Hodgson as a person, it's the Tory government's policies, especially in healthcare and education. That's the direction the fight would have taken. I'm uncertain as to how [Hodgson's withdrawal from politics] affects my chances of success but our stance has not changed..."

"[Hodgson] leaves a very strong legacy and what I aspire to is to meet the work ethic he demonstrated."

Ward, who grew up in Lindsay, is in the process of selling his home in Toronto, where he's been a lawyer for a firm specializing in international law. He and his wife Karissa and their infant son should be moving into their home in Lindsay within a month. "I'll soon be pounding the pavement and shaking hands in Haliburton," he says.

Asked about the pressures politics places on politicians and their families, Ward says family life is the main reason he and Karissa decided to return to small town life. And while Hodgson's job as an MPP often kept him away from his family, Ward says that Hodgson's workload was heavier as a cabinet minister. "I suspect an MPP's lifestyle is more manageable."

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Selling shoreline allowance in municipality's interest

To the Editor:

How much is a shoreline worth to municipalities? That depends on which side of the fence the municipality is sitting on at the time. If you are asking the municipality to assume responsibility or liability for something that happened on that property, it is not worth anything and they would do everything possible to convince the public that they have nothing to do with it and would not accept the liability. On the other hand, when it comes time to make some money from it, is very valuable.

Your article states that a municipality has no use for the property and doesn't mind selling it. Despite this fact, the municipalities know a "cash cow" when they see one, and despite the aforementioned, they still want to soak ratepayers for every cent they can to purchase it.

Dog sledding a great adventure

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the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. They have the most beautiful, friendly Huskies I have ever seen. I learned to get to know my own team, to harness my lead and wheel dogs, as well as all the terms that I needed to survive like "Hike Up," "On Track," "Easy" and "Whoa". The instructors Rick and Mary were friendly, helpful and very knowledgeable.

Thank you Anna and Minna for the two most exciting hours of my holidays and I am forever grateful to Adam, Nanook, Mosely and Trek, four males who stayed on track and showed me that dog sledding can be an exhilarating adventure. What a great team!

Diane Dron
Maple Lake

The majority of waterfront property was bought and sold under the pretence of owning to the shoreline which all the municipalities were quite aware of. So the buyers were misled. The assessment department or the municipalities do not differentiate between owned or unowned shoreline allowance.

So, if the municipality owns the marine allowance, then the lots which they created would become back lots, contrary to their by-laws.

It would be in the best interests of the municipalities to unload this liability which inevitability would be shouldered by all the ratepayers.

Ever stop to wonder why issues regarding shoreline residents are raised in the dead of winter?

C. Gerditschke
Moores Lake and Pickering

Respecting the common interest helps protect lakes

To the Editor:

I congratulate and thank you for the editorial in *The Haliburton County Echo* of October 22. "For the Good of All" was a welcome reflection on two elements.

First, that the zoning and environmental protection laws at the municipal and provincial levels concerning cottage and shorefront development are regularly ignored and

Second, that the only path to the true accumulation of wealth is through collective adherence to the rule of law.

Over the many years I have been grieved to watch the slow erosion of the special qualities and beauty of the Highlands. Each cleared shoreline, cleared swath of "view obstructing" trees and double decked cottage lot has detracted from the value of everyone's property as well as from the ecological health of the resource we all enjoy. In addition, such self-justified acts have contributed to the erosion of legitimacy and respect for the social institutions who charge it is to protect "the good of all".

It is my sincere hope that the editorial as well as the reporting policies of your paper will contribute to a turn toward compliance and enforcement. Without such a shift both ecological beauty and social wealth will be destroyed

and something that I believe we all love dearly will be irretrievably lost.

Robert Young Jr.
Drag Lake, Van Etten, N.Y.

Event overlap simply poor planning

To the Editor:

Kudos to the organizers and volunteers of the second Haliburton sled dog race and the many Haliburton businesses who supported it.

It was discouraging for volunteers to see a dog sled event being held and advertised on the same days as a community event by Trails and Tours, who work in the Chamber of Commerce office. Trails and Tours are spending a good deal of public funds and should be cognizant of other community events. There is no justification for such an overlap.

Perhaps they should actually build a trail with the hundreds of thousands of government money that they have been allotted!

Bill and Anne Beatty, Drag Lake

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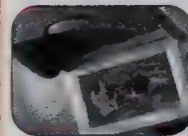
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Inset: Larry Reynolds rolls by his school bus. He has benefited from Snowarama. Bottom left: Larry laughs during a game of bingo at HHSS.

Photos by Darren Lum

Snowarama, more than just a day at the trails

Event enjoys 29th year, to be held on Jan. 25 at the Haliburton Forest

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Larry Reynolds is a young man on the go and the smile on his face is a regular feature, according to his mother Audrey Reynolds.

She explained that when she sees his happiness at being able to go places like Haliburton Highlands Secondary School or being able to do normal day to day activities like showering, she reflects on their gratitude for the Easter Seals Society that has helped to make those things possible. The society has supported the family often over the years in purchasing various pieces of equipment for Larry who has cerebral palsy.

The disease limits the amount of muscle control he has but certainly not his enthusiasm for life. Reynolds says the society has been very important in their lives and she hopes the community will recognize their hard work by participating in this year's Snowarama - a fundraiser benefiting the Easter Seals Society.

Snowarama is an opportunity for snowmobile riders to turn their passion into a way to help a child who may not be able to enjoy the wonder of flying through snow on a pristine winter day.

The event is now in perhaps its 29th year - Rotary members who organize the event were guessing at the number. It will be held on January 25 at the Haliburton Forest. Participants who raise a minimum of \$75 in pledges get a free pass for the Haliburton Forest trails, a free tank of fuel and free lunch.

Greg Sheffee, Rotary member and Snowarama chair, says the day is a real bargain for snowmobilers who have the opportunity to ride on some of the most beautifully maintained and scenic trails in the county while at the same time helping Easter Seals.

"At the end of the day you're raising money for a good cause and that's heart-warming enough," says Sheffee.

Anne Driscoll, Easter Seals Society district manager for Haliburton, Peterborough and the City of Kawartha Lakes, says watching the takeoff at the event is incredible, orchestrated as well as the finest of symphonies.

Right now she is busy promoting Penny Power, a new initiative to collect pennies or any other denomination for the society, particularly in schools. She is also working on three different Snowarama events in her jurisdiction including the one at the Haliburton Forest. The money raised, Driscoll explains, will go towards the purchase of essential equipment for children, recreational opportunities or research. She says several families in Haliburton county have benefited from the program.

Most recently, the Reynolds have received financial assistance towards installing a new custom made shower and shower chair for Larry.

"The shower chair has made all the difference in the world. Unless you've been through it, you can have no idea how wonderful this is," says Audrey.

Wendy Sisson certainly remembers

the difference it made to them when the society helped out her family. Her son Riley contracted a rare form of cerebral palsy that affected only his one leg. He needed an extremely expensive custom made brace to help him to walk and Easter Seals helped pay for the majority of the cost.

She explained surgery and treatment has meant her son no longer requires a brace but says they were really grateful for the assistance when they needed it. She also works in the school system and says that there are many people in the community who have benefited from the work of the Easter Seals Society.

The society is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting disabled chil-

dren. Driscoll said that the kind of equipment the society assists families in purchasing is essential to their day to day life and often critical in allowing kids or adolescents more independence or giving caregivers a better chance to help them live at home.

"This type of equipment is essential and the costs are phenomenal. I am so glad to be part of an organization to help families with these costs," says Driscoll.

Pledge sheets for the event are available at a variety of Haliburton businesses and he has several at Haliburton Lumber. He can be reached to answer questions at 457-2510.



Patient News preparing for spring move to bigger headquarters

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

Having to don a coat and snow boots just to be able to talk to your accounting department is not exactly convenient so Wayne Lavery is excited about consolidating his business, Patient News Publishing, under one roof this spring.

Lavery has purchased the building beside Haliburton Lumber, where some aspects of his business are already located. Patient News will officially take possession in March and most likely move all aspects of the operation over by May.

The move will be one way to celebrate 10 years of success. Lavery explained he moved to Haliburton in '93 because his wife, Karen Galley, was involved in the purchase of the Pinestone. He moved into a 10 by 10 office and started Patient News, a company dedicated to creating personalized newsletters for dentists.

"I have a background in health marketing and knew there was an opening in the market for it," says Lavery. In the decade since those simple beginnings, his wife



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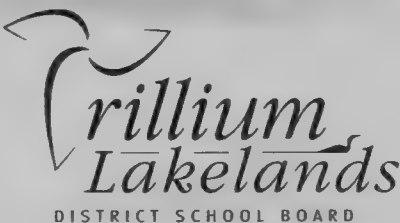
Wayne Lavery stands amidst the cramped quarters in the printing area of Patient News Publishing, which explains why his business has outgrown its current office space.

has joined him in the business to become the company's vice president in charge of sales, marketing and client services. Lavery has hired 40 full-time and approximately five part-time staff, making the company one of the largest employers in the county.

The development of Patient News was greatly aided by the Haliburton County Development Corporation both financially and by pointing the way to various government resources and programs, Lavery insists the HCDC provided "tremendous assistance."

By 1999, he says Patient News dominated the niche

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Move into United States helped create need for more production space

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market in Canada that he had gone after so he decided to expand south of the border. Now the company has more than 2,500 American and Canadian dentists as clients. Lavery believes they are the largest distributor of dental newsletters in North America.

The key to his success - offering a complete turn-key service.

Lavery explains they offer only two products, a direct patient newsletter and a neighbourhood newsletter. The company gives the client, the dentist, a four-page newsletter consisting of articles, photos and graphics from the company's library, written specifically for the client by staff writers or submitted by the client.

Once the newsletter is created, Patient News does everything from developing film to printing the documents to mailing it directly to either the neighbourhood around the client's practice or directly to the client's patients.

"We'll mail in excess of 10 million newsletters every two weeks. We have the best dental newsletter in North America and the best newsletter period," he says. "We know it because we've analyzed the market. Our customization, quality and full customer service is unique."

The isolation of Haliburton has actually worked in his favour in order to create this high standard, he argues. Lavery says he has been able to hire very talented staff without having to face the competition for the graphic

artists, editors, designers and other skilled staff that you would face in a large urban center.

"The beauty and the lifestyle here attract a labour pool comparable to that of an urban center. It's a great way of life here and having staff who love where they live makes a big difference," says Lavery.

He believes, too, that as the business continues to grow so too is the county, with more people creating permanent homes out of their cottages - so he has no fears of running out of talented labour.

Lavery's plans for the near future include knocking down a few walls in the new building to make the most of the 16,000 square feet of space - nearly double what Patient News now occupies. He says the decision to purchase the building was based on the fact that it was the only available building of that size and more convenient to him than building from scratch.

Lavery says the advances in technology, such as the two presses he uses that are not much larger than an office photocopier, the Internet and software advances make it possible for him to locate in a place like Haliburton.

Jim Henwood, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce president, says the expansion of Patient News is a great thing for the community.

"They're definitely a mover and shaker. I hope it will open up some eyes as to other types of similar businesses that could be opened here - those that are environmentally friendly, clean and a good year-round employer. Which is what we need," says Henwood.

New contract close for school workers?

WALTER FRANCZYK

Special to The Echo

A source close to negotiations has confirmed that more than 500 unionized employees of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board have ratified a new contract with the board.

The employees, represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 997, work as educational assistants, custodians, maintenance and office workers, and in clerical and technical positions.

Union members were scheduled to vote on the contract at a meeting January 5 in Minden.

Lynn Raback, president of CUPE Local 997, said she was not in a position to comment on the contract offer or what happened at the meeting. "Until it is ratified by both parties, I really can't say too much," Raback said.

The tentative agreement is slated to be presented to trustees on January 14, said school board spokesperson Amy Pretak who declined to discuss the new contract.

OPP conducts phone survey

The Haliburton Highlands detachment of the OPP will be conducting a telephone survey during the coming months, which will allow the public to voice their opinions on how they feel about policing in the county.

Local volunteers, who will be calling phone numbers randomly selected by a computer, will conduct the telephone survey. The survey will begin after the volunteers have had their training, which was scheduled for January 11. The results will be recorded in a specially designed computer system.

The survey will be taking place between 6 pm to 9 pm, Monday to Friday and 9 am to 9 pm, on Saturdays.

The responses gathered from the 375 completed surveys are all anonymous. The information obtained will then be stored until an analysis is completed. A report will also be available to the public once the survey is completed.

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2002 "Shine Brightly" Campaign

For the fifth year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies with tags sponsored by gifts from the community. To date this campaign has raised **\$72,979.93**. The proceeds will assist the Foundation in the Capital Campaign for the Haliburton and Minden Health Care Facilities.

Thank you to the following individuals for helping us "Shine So Brightly".

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- My Husband Nov 9 '97
- My Son Mar 25, 1999 30 yrs old
- Lloyd Griffiths
- All those who have worked so hard on this project
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Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation sincerely thank Our Honourary Chairmen for Our 2002 "Shine Brightly" campaign, Dr. David Fiddler and Dr. Bob Heyes.

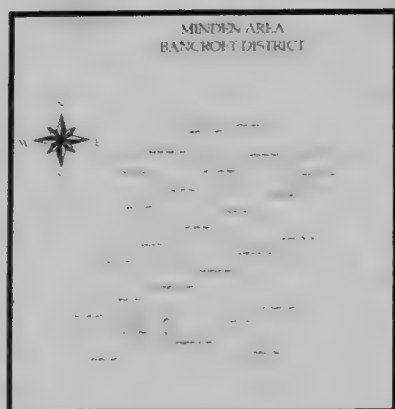
If you would like to help us "Shine Brightly" your gift can be sent to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, Box 1413, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0 or Box 30, Minden, ON K0M 2K0 or you can deposit your gift in the donation boxes at the Minden and Haliburton Facilities.



A Foundation For The Health Of The Highlands

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES FOUNDATION

Would you like to have a voice in fish and wildlife management programs in your area?



The Ministry of Natural Resources in Minden has in place a Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee (FWAC) to assist MNR in local program decisions. If you are an angler, hunter, tourist operator, outfitter, forest worker, trapper, bait harvester/dealer, naturalist, home or cottage owner, local community leader, educator, outdoor enthusiast, snowmobiler or resource manager, let us know if you are interested in being part of the FWAC. We will be looking for some new members over the next few months.

Please submit your letter of interest to the FWAC, c/o Ministry of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 820, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Attention Linda Schell, (FAX 705-286-4355). For more information please contact Gerry Moraal at the Minden MNR Office (705) 286-5226, or Don Benson, Committee Chair (705) 652-3437.

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County of Haliburton RAIL TRAIL MASTER PLAN

The County of Haliburton invites firms experienced in the development of recreation trails to submit a proposal to create a master plan for the abandoned rail corridor from the southern boundary of the County (at Kinmount) to the Village of Haliburton.

An information package containing details of the project is available to interested firms after 8:30 a.m. Monday, January 13, 2003. Firms wishing to receive this information package may contact Mrs. Shirley Kirk at (705) 286 - 1762.

Questions regarding the Request for Proposal or the Rail Corridor may be directed to Mr. Roy Haig, C.E.T., Engineering Services Manager via telephone (705) 286 - 1762, fax (705) 286 - 4881, e-mail rhoig@county.haliburton.on.ca.

Proposals must be sent to the attention of Mr. Jim Blake, Chairman of the Haliburton County Rail Trail Committee, c/o The County of Haliburton, P.O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0, no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 14, 2003.



Haliburton Highlands Health Services

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Please send resume to:

Ms. Lynne Johnston
Director of Acute and Ambulatory Care
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Municipality of Highlands East NOTICE

(Applicants —
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IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter M45, Section 297 and Section 300 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the township Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Wilberforce, Ontario on Tuesday, the 11th day of February 2003, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 13, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton shown as Parts 4, 5, 6 and 7 (Part 7 being the flooded portion, will be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East) on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by H. Curry Bishop, O.L.S., dated February 12, 2002.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East (Wilberforce), Ontario this 31st day of December, 2002.

SHARON STOUGHTON-CRAIG
CAO/CLERK-TREASURER
Box 295, Wilberforce, Ontario
K0L 3C0

Municipality of Highlands East NOTICE

(Applicant — EDGEcombe)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter M45, Section 297 and Section 300 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the township Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Wilberforce, Ontario on Tuesday, the 11th day of February 2003, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 27, Concession 14, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton shown as Part 2 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated August 27, 2002.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

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County of Haliburton

Class Environmental Assessment Replacement of the Twin Multiplate Culverts on County Road 503 at Gooderham

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

The County of Haliburton has identified the need to replace the existing twin multiplate steel culverts located on County Road 503 (approximately 300 metres west of the intersection of County Road 507 and 503 at Gooderham) to address structural deficiencies.

The project is being planned under Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.

For further information on this project, or to inspect a copy of the Class Environmental Assessment, please contact:

Mr. Roy Haig, C.E.T.
Engineering Services Manager
County of Haliburton
P.O. Box 880, 3 St. Germaine Street
Minden, ON K0M 2K0
Telephone: 705-286-1762
Fax: 705-286-4881
Email: rhoig@county.haliburton.on.ca

or

Mr. Brad Kalus, C.E.T.
Project Manager
The Greer Galloway Group Inc.
Engineers and Planners
973 Crawford Drive, Peterborough, ON K9J 3X1
Telephone: 705-743-5780
Fax: 705-743-9592
Email: bkalus@greergalloway.com

Public input and comment are invited, for incorporation into the planning and design of this project, and will be received until February 14, 2003. Subject to comments received and the receipt of necessary approvals, the County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the planning, design and construction of this project, to be completed by the fall of 2003.

This Notice issued January 10, 2003

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Notice of Liquor Licence Application



The following establishment has applied to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for a liquor licence under the **Liquor Licence Act**:

Application for a Sale Licence

Lakeside Golf Club
Lot 5, Concession 3/4, Guilford
West Guilford (including outdoor area)

Any resident of the municipality may make a written submission as to whether the issuance of the licence is in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents. Submissions must be received no later than **February 15, 2003**. Please include your name, address and telephone number. If a petition is submitted to the Commission, please identify the designated contact person.

Note:

The AGCO gives the applicant details of any objections.

Submissions to be sent to:

Licensing and Registration Department
Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario
20 Dundas St. W., 7th Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 2N6
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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act ; and
IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, a portion of the road right of way, situated in Lots 33, 34 and 35 Concession XI, in the geographic Township of Dysart.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O.1990, c.M.45 as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton proposes to consider, and if deemed appropriate, enact at its meeting to be held in the Council Chambers of the Administration Building on Newcastle Street, in the Town of Minden, Ontario, on January 22, 2003, a by-law to stop up, close and convey the portions of road allowance more particularly described as follows :

Part No.2 as shown on Reference Plan No.19R 6602, a plan of survey prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Limited, deposited in the Land Registry Office on February 26th, 1999, and,

Part No.8 as shown on Reference Plan No.19R 3239, a plan of survey prepared by Bishop and Wilson, deposited in the Land Registry Office on February 4th, 1985.

The aforementioned plans of survey are available for perusal at the Roads Department Office, 3 Saint Germaine St., Minden, Ontario during regular office hours. (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday)

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the County of Haliburton shall then and there hear in person, or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at the Township of Minden Hills this 23rd. day of December, 2002.

Brian W. Mulholland, Operations and Approvals Officer
(705) 286-1766 office
(705) 286-4881 fax no.



Executive Director Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network

The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network is an organization dedicated to promoting and developing Haliburton County as a premiere trails and tours destination. The Network is seeking a highly motivated individual to serve as an Executive Director for a period of three years (with a possibility of extension).

The successful candidate will:

- Coordinate the OSTAR project - a three year 1.1 million dollar trail and tour development project involving 13 project partners
- Give direction and leadership toward the development and achievement of the Network's philosophy, mission, strategy, and its annual goals and objectives.
- Lead the implementation of the strategic goals, objectives, projects, programs and products of the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network

Qualifications

- Experience in the administration and management of a non-profit organization with an elected Board of Directors
- Exceptional leadership, organizational, project management, communication and interpersonal skills
- Excellent financial management skills and experience in fundraising
- Ability to manage several projects at a time and respond well in a fast paced environment
- Ability to supervise and instruct others; motivate and nurture volunteers
- Experience in community partnership development
- Experience in trail and/or tour development and management is an asset

Please forward your application letter and résumé before 5:00pm on Friday January 24, 2003 by mail, email or fax to:
Executive Director Search Committee
Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network Trails
Box 147
Minden ON K0M 2K0
(705) 286-6016 Fax
info@trailsandtours.on.ca

For further details about this position contact the Trails and Tours office at 705-286-1760.
For more information visit www.trailsandtours.com

Only candidates to be interviewed will be contacted.



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The County of Haliburton and partner organizations are in the process of applying for Portal and Infrastructure funding from the Ontario Government under the Connect Ontario initiative and the Federal Government Broadband for Rural and Northern Development initiative.

Under these initiatives it is mandatory that a realistic estimate of costs to implement a suitable Broadband Digital Network within the County of Haliburton be used in submissions.

On the basis that either or both of the senior government awards are granted to the County of Haliburton, a Request for Quotation (RFQ) based on both this Request for Information (RFI) and the resulting responses will be issued in the winter or spring of 2003.

All interested companies and/or individuals that could potentially be awarded a contract to implement and maintain the network are invited to participate in the RFI.

Detailed information relating to the RFI may be obtained by contacting the undersigned prior to February 3rd, 2003.

Mr. Gary King, CAO
County of Haliburton
Administration Office
11 Newcastle Street, Box 399
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
Telephone (705) 286-1333

Respected citizen dies

The community is saddened by the unexpected death of Lloyd Barnes early Saturday, January 11, 2003.

Lloyd (Barney) died peacefully in his sleep at his home overlooking Dark Lake. He departed this life as he had lived it—calmly, quietly. He did it his way.

Though in his 86th year Lloyd was out most days, driving to the farm to help tend the cattle, dropping into the store and post office. He was always willing to pause for a chat, sharing his wit and wisdom. A lifetime resident of Wilberforce, Lloyd was highly knowledgeable about the history of the area and its people. He was respected for his thoughtful advice and opinions.

Our sympathy is sincerely extended to all who knew and loved Barney, especially his Barnes-Barker family—Joan, John, Janet, Bart, Brett and Wyatt.

Though there will be no funeral service, there will be a gathering very soon of Lloyd's family and friends to remember him and celebrate his life.

The annual meeting of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild will be held at the Outpost Historic House on Monday, January 20 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend this

meeting at which the business and activities of 2002 are reviewed.

Curling is back in full swing after a brief break over Christmas. There are bonspiels planned for the next two weekends.

The Loop Troupe meets Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

Monmouth Seniors' Club meets every Tuesday at Lunch Time. All seniors are welcome.

Haliburton County Home Support Services has volunteers waiting to give seniors

55+ or physically disabled adults a security check phone call. If you know anyone who needs a phone call once a day, call Judy at 457-2941.

Did you celebrate the birthday of Sir John A. Macdonald this year? As our first Canadian Prime Minister, Macdonald deserves to have his name celebrated. His birthday was either Jan 10, the date registered in Scotland or Jan 11, the day he celebrated. How about a national holiday? At least I hope many raised a toast in his name. We celebrate another Scotsman, Robbie Burns and he never set foot in this land. Yeah Sir John!

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Hilda Clark
448-2018

Anglers gear up to vie for cash in the annual Branch 624 fish derby

A whole new year stretches before us and on behalf of Branch 624 Legion I would like to offer you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

News and reviews:

January 18: The Pat & Phyllis Gallen Trout Derby. After the fish derby closes everyone is asked to come back to the Legion for the weigh in. All the entry fees will go out in prizes. First prize is 50% of all entry fees. Second prize is 30% of all entry fees. Third prize is 20% of all entry fees.

The four lakes to be fished in this Derby are: Esson Lake, Farquhar Lake, Grace Lake and Wilbermere Lake. MNR rules will apply. If you have any questions call the Legion (705) 448-2221.

January 25: The Robbie Burns Dinner. The Ladies Auxiliary is already busy planning for this. More details as we get closer to January the 25th. Dale Allison will be the D.J. for the dance.

January 26: Legion Cribbage Tournament

Lest we forget:

Pat Furneaux, Larry Orth and Scot Parks are recuperating at home.

Lou Moody has returned to assume Veterans Affairs. Welcome back Lou. Don't forget:

Pool Night Every Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. at our Branch. This has just been started so come on out for a fun night. The next Pool date is January 7th, see you there.

Dart Night every Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. at our Branch. This is a fun night out and joining a team is not necessary. Just come out and enjoy!

Euchre is held on all Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. except the first Thursday of month and then it is customarily held on the Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. Cost only \$2, which goes toward prize money.

This June will be our 30th Anniversary for Branch 624 and we were still looking for old pictures from way back when that we could borrow. If you do have some you would like to share then please call or leave them with the Bar Steward. Thanks.

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HHSS School Council invites your participation at next meeting

MARY TURNER

Special to The Echo

The November School Council meeting included a presentation from Tom Regina, head of the arts department, which includes art, drama, and music. HHSS has theatre, vocal music, and arts, with plans for possible guitar and song writing courses. The well-qualified staff are Elke Zilla [drama], Rose Pearson [art], Trish Wootten [art, drama], and Tom Regina [theatre, music]. The department is always looking

for new grounds to explore.

Principal's Report

Blood Donor Clinics: All donors must be over 106 lbs to donate.

Emergency Preparedness Plan: HHSS, in co-ordination with the OPP, has a contingency plan for all areas of potential emergency.

OPP Drug Search: A spontaneous drug search was done of the school. Any students caught with drugs were suspended. No charges were laid because of the small

quantities found. THE GOAL ... a drug-free HHSS.

Newsletter: The HHSS newsletter is now on line. Check out the HHSS web site: www.tlidsb.on.ca/schools/hhss/school.htm

Community Hours: Just a reminder that all students are required to complete 40 hours of volunteer community service prior to graduation. Explanations of this were presented at the Grade 9 orientation meeting and in the students' first report card. Each student has a counsellor

assigned to help with questions or concerns. One such area can be the 30-hour Famine held by Grade 11s in the spring; proceeds go to a charitable organization.

Next Meeting

Want to beat the January after-the-holidays doldrums? Attend a School Council meeting. The next School Council meeting will be on Jan 21st, starting at 7:00 PM in the Seminar Room at the high school. The speaker will be Rob Stonehouse, head of the technical department. See you there!

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Origin of Benoir Lake revealed

History project connects local people, uncovers lost information

Last week, as part of the Harcourt Centennial Committee plans for Harcourt's up-coming Centennial Celebrations to be held on the weekend of July 11, 12, and 13, I indicated I was collecting data on community history and would appreciate input on dates. I listed a few dates and asked anyone who had more information to call me. I have had an overwhelming response.

One call that I was very pleased to receive, came from Leopolda Dobrzensky who wrote the excellent book *Fragments of a Dream*. She kindly called to point out it was Charles Roberts, not Charles Robert, who was one of the earliest settlers in Harcourt Township.

She also lent reference to some very vital information found in her book. I had often wondered how Benoir Lake received its name. It appears that a Huron Indian by the name of Bernard Naraseau, who worked as a canoe man for surveyor Alexandor Niven, "used to come up every fall from the Lake of Two Mountains near Montreal, travelling up the Ottawa and York branch of the Madawaska River. When the Land Company bought the township, Naraseau acquired 143 acres, Lots 24 and 25 on concession X, Harcourt and started to farm."

This piece of land is just south of where we presently live at concession XII, Lots 24 and 25. Bernard and his wife Catherine had 11 children. Children John, Elizabeth, Mary, Louise, Angus, Matthew, Paul, Hannah, Mary-Anne, Cecilia and Charles Naraseau appear on the censuses record as early 1871. When Bernard Naraseau died in 1880 the surname Naraseau was dropped and

replaced by Bernard, locally pronounced "Benoir". Thus we have the name Benoir Lake. Due to Leo Dobrzensky's kindness one mystery is now solved.

So it appears I am not the only one the search for mysteries of the past has gotten a hold on. I know that sometimes people consider me somewhat strange as I speak of my passion for researching the Harcourt area and early settler families, and I guess you can't blame them. Give me a box of dusty old books and documents to pore over and I think I have died and gone to heaven.

Not so long ago, my mother gave me a pile of birth announcements and wedding invitations that she had collected over the years. From these I obtained information dating back as far as 1950. I love going through baby books. What a wealth of information they contain - full baby name, names of parents, grandparents, great-grandparents along with aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and neighbors. I sometimes scare people with my "happy dance" when they give me a box of old letters and pictures to wade through. Poor husband Mel! I know he has given thought to referring me to some serious therapy and I have been working very hard to make him realize that the study of genealogy and researching local history is therapy for me.

Some dates for this week:

1939: On the present site of Silver Spring Lodge a Finlander by the name of

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1947: The Canadian Land and Emigration Company of

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1948: Hydro comes to the area.

1949: Dysart Telephone Line is established. First to have a phone in Harcourt were Bessie and Amos Hawley.

1949: Original store of Ephram and Jane Schickler was destroyed by fire

1950: Bessie and Amos Hawley build new store on the new highway, which cut through the pinery. The site of their store is the present home of Tammy and Lyle Donaldson and family.

1951: Ernie and Pearl Warren established an Esso Station in Harcourt. Ernie had a garage here and Pearl operated the restaurant. Present homeowners are Donna and Joe Burroughs

1951: Copper objects were discovered at nearby Farquar Lake that were estimated to be at least 2,000 years old.

1952: Hazel and Waulzie Gerow bought property from Wallace Scott and built a home for their family. Hazel Gerow still lives in the family home. Where the Gerow house is there was a cookhouse for the Finlay saw mill. A post from the cookhouse still stands inside the Gerow woodshed.

September 7, 1954: Second Harcourt School was built.

1954: Old School house was converted into a church for the use of the Anglican denomination.

1957: The G.W. Martin Lumber Ltd. started first operations with 12 men March 30, 1960: Marked the last day that the I.B. & O. ran through Harcourt.

May 24, 1960: Harcourt Community Centre's sod was first turned.

August 1960: First dance to be held in Harcourt Community Centre was Harold Schickler's wedding.

1960: Elephant Lake Lodge was sold by Russell Schickler to Mr. Walerton.

1960: Russell Schickler founded the E.R. Schickler Marine in Harcourt, the present site of M.A. Bell Marine, now owned by Mary Ann and Robert Silagy.

1960s: During the early '60s Louie and Mary Roderick built the Ridgeview Restaurant.

1960s: Schwandt Lumber Company operated a home care center where building supplies were sold - still in operation today and run by Mac and Nancy Gadoway.

June 21, 1960: The first organizational meeting of the Harcourt Community Hall Board was held in the Council Chambers at Haliburton

Harcourt's story to be continued next week...

Up-Coming at Harcourt Community Centre:

January 20: Youth Group meets at Community Centre.

February 7: 8:00 - 11:00 - Pre Teen Valentine Dance.

March 15: As part of Harcourt's Centennial celebrations a St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held in Harcourt.

Please take notice that tenders are invited for the cleaning contract of the Harcourt Community Centre Hall and will be received on or before March 15, 2003. Copy of job description may be obtained from Ross Covert, Debbie Shatraw or copies are available at the Community Centre on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. or on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MARY ANN PAULINE BELL

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of MARY ANN PAULINE BELL, late, of the Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 6th day of January, 2003, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 4th day of February 2003.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Executor/Administrator of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice. DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 10th day of January 2003. **RAYMOND G. SELBIE**, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

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440 THANK YOU

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE this opportunity to give a heartfelt thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, phone calls, donations and words of encouragement. It has been a long, difficult journey for our Mom but along the way we had some great adventures and great times. She was a wonderful woman with a very strong spirit and will be deeply missed. To Kirsten, Barry, Gord, Donna and staff of the Gord Monk Funeral Home, thank you for your excellent care. Thank you to Pastor Ashley Taylor for leading a beautiful service for Mom and to the Minden Bible Church ladies for the lovely luncheon. Thank you Alicia for her special song for Mom. Mom has had so many wonderful caregivers and "special friends" over the past years and I would like to say how much your support and kindness has meant to my family and I. To my wonderful family and friends, I love you so much and together we will cherish Mom's memory always. She will remain "Forever Young". **Patti Prentice and Peter Pimm.**

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THE FAMILY OF the late Berneice Stewart would like to thank relatives and friends for all their support and kindness during her care and passing. Special thanks to the Haliburton Extencare staff for making her feel special, to Dr. Ferracuti for his care, to Dwaine and staff of the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for their guidance, to Harry Morgan for such a warm and comforting service and to the U.C.W. for such a lovely luncheon. Berneice will be greatly missed by her family and community, but we will remember her forever. The Lord Is My Shepherd. **Brier and Dawn.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

BLAIR, EMILY - In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, who passed away on January 17, 1987. Always loved, always remembered by her family.

450 IN MEMORIAM

A Message to my Dad...

Donald Fenney, who passed away suddenly, January 12, 2002, without a chance to say goodbye.

On that day, on that night...I cried and cried; deep down inside hoping you would come alive.

In the past, in the present and in the future, not a minute will go by that I won't think of you. Memories will never be erased and you will never be replaced.

You are the best Dad always!!!

We love you and miss you so much!!!

Not goodbye, but...until we are with you again!!!

love, your daughters,
Mckenna and Maddison. XO

Written by Mckenna

FENNEY - In memory of **DONALD BRADLEY FENNEY** who passed away January 12, 2002.

Each day that passes, there is always something that reminds me of you! Especially our two beautiful daughters, whom you adored and loved so much!

I miss you Donny! **Tracy**

460 OBITUARIES

BARNES, George "Lloyd" Fairfax: Peacefully at his home in Wilberforce on January 11, 2003 in his 86th year. Beloved husband of the late Patricia McCarthy (1996). Loving father of the late James Barker (Patricia) of Callander, Joan Metawabin (Edmund) of Fort Albany, John Barker (Mary) of Wilberforce, Janet Barker of Wilberforce, Brett Barnes of Peterborough, Bart Barnes (Terry) of Lakefield and Wyatt Barnes (Kim) of Wilberforce. Also lovingly remembered by fourteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Dear brother of Raymond Croft of Toronto and predeceased by Royce and Blake Barnes. A Memorial Service will be held at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce at a later date. The family would appreciate memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to COMSTOCK FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CENTRE, 356 Rudridge Street, Peterborough, (705) 745-4683.

BELL, MARY (Resident of Ox Narrows, Ontario and Former Owner of Hair Care and Hitching Post - Carnarvon): At St. Joseph's Hospital (Roger St. Site), Peterborough, on Monday, January 6, 2003, in her 58th year. Beloved wife of David. Loving mother of Tammy Bell, David (Tanya), Darryl (Karla), and Darwin. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Davey, Kayla, Devon, Logan, Tyler, Corrie, Letisha, Steven and Nelson. Dear sister of Sandra (Marty Stickle), Jim Williamson (Jeanie), Danea (Zoey) and Darcie (Paul). Also fondly remembered by her special friend John Fountain. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday afternoon, January 9, 2003 from 1 o'clock until time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Feed the Children's International, P.O. Box 419055, Kansas City, MO 64141 would be appreciated by the family.

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460 OBITUARIES

BILLINGS, GEORGE (Resident of Tory Hill, Ontario): At Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday morning, January 7, 2003, in his 87th year. Beloved companion of Helen Henry. Loving father of Herbert (Joanne) of Oshawa, Gary Henry (Michelle) of Courtyce, Penny (Bob Scott) and Angela Henry, both of Oshawa. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Amanda, Matthew, Nicole, Amy, Bradley, Liz and Brittany. Dear brother of Charles of Tory Hill and Clara (Mrs. George MacDuff) of Gooderham. Predeceased by his brothers Gordon, Lester, Bob, Bill, Jim, Ross and his sister. Also, lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday morning, January 9, 2003 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment later Essonville Cemetery, Essonville. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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REISS, LUDWIG (Owner of Hiltop Market, Haliburton) - At Haliburton Hospital on January 1, 2003 in his 74th year. Beloved husband of Agnes Wilhelmer. Loving father of Margaret of Haliburton. Dear brother of Ferdinand, Emy, Vince, Margaret, Helen and Adolf. Predeceased by his brother Andreas. Also lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Friday evening, January 3, 2003 from 6-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Saturday morning, January 4, 2003 at 11 o'clock. Reception followed in the Reception Room at the Funeral Home. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

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SCHEME, HEDDI (Resident of Extencare-Haliburton): At Extencare-Haliburton on Saturday morning, January 4, 2003, in her 90th year. Beloved wife of the late Erik Scheme. Loving father of Hans (Leslie) of California, Sigi (Sergio) of Eagle Lake, and Frank (Paulette) of Ottawa. Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren and great grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held in June 2003. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Eagle Lake Church Building Fund would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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- **Jan. 14: Dorset Recreation Centre** is holding Jr. **Floor Hockey** at 5:30; Adult Floor Hockey 6:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 14: The Highland Hand Weavers and Spinners** will hold a meeting at the Haliburton Museum at 1:30 p.m. Program will be a video with T. Carson.
- **Jan. 14: Messiah Choir Rehearsals** commence, 7:30 p.m. Haliburton United Church. Come and sing with us. Call 489-2755.
- **Jan. 15: Join Home Support for Contract Bridge** every Monday afternoon at 1 p.m. For more info. call Ida at 457-2941.
- **Jan. 15: Dorset Recreation Centre** is holding Jr. **Basketball** at 5:30; Adult Basketball at 6:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 16: Dorset Recreation Centre** is holding Jr. **Volleyball** at 5:30; Adult Volleyball at 6:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 16: Haliburton 50+ Club** welcomes you to join us at the Haliburton Legion Hall for our next meeting. This month will be our annual fun-filled auction, so we ask you to bring out your oldies but goodies and enjoy a great evening of hectic bidding. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. New members or guests welcome. Please let Mary or Brian know by Jan. 14 (754-3319) if attending.

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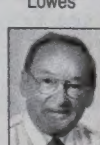
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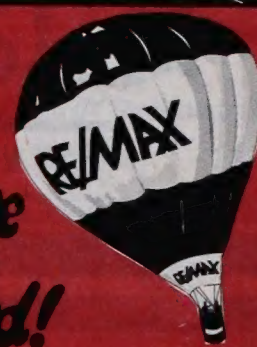
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Square timber ski chalet with country charm. Forest setting on Sir Sam's Road. Perfect location for home or retreat. Prestige without the price tag! 3 bedrooms+ \$129,000. Call Rosalind Bagg



MILES OF BOATING

Located at the mouth of Gull River at Gull Lake. Neat & clean 3 bedroom, 4 season cottage, finished in pine. A pleasure to show. \$129,900 Call Rick Lowes



5 LAKE CHAIN

Winterized 3 bdrm/2 bathroom Viceroy style cottage, fairly level lot, walking distance of village & all amenities. Includes 2 brick F/P's, full unfinished bsmt w/walkout & laundry facilities. Dug well. Perfect for retirement. \$154,000 Call Julie Gray



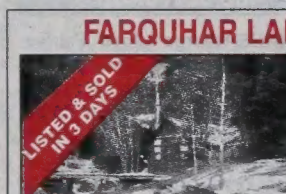
GRASS LAKE HALIBURTON

3 bdrm, 3 season cottage on a 5 lake chain. Open concept kitchen/LR/DR. Lg front deck, level lot, sandy shoreline, west facing. \$157,900 Call Ken Barry



SKI CHALET/SUMMER COTTAGE

Large Viceroy style cottage situated on Eagle Lake Island. 5 bdrm, 2 baths, cathedral ceilings, stone FP, open concept, lrg decks, level lot, south exp., 2 minute ride from landing. \$245,000. Call Linda Baumgartner & Troy Austen



FARQUHAR LAKE



465' front, 14 acres level in nature, gorgeous big lake view!
Listed and sold in 3 days. More listings needed for clients waiting!
\$219,900, call Vince Duchene



Custom built home w cathedral ceilings, brick FP, formal DR, eat-in kitchen, mst w/ensuite & w/o to deck, screened SR, sauna, full fin. bsmt & dbl att garage. Walking distance of town/ski trails, access to 5 lake chain make it ideal for a B&B. \$395,000. Call Julie Gray



ALMOST NEW LITTLE KENNIS LAKE

Contemporary cottage/home, pine interior, modern kitchen, 2 baths, back split design. Open concept. Algonquin style lot with good sun & view. Level area at water. \$310,700 Call Cathy Lancia

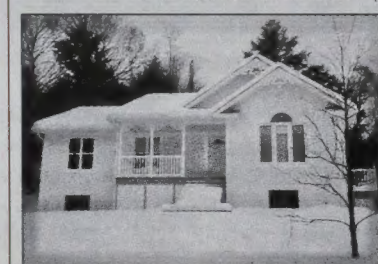


MISKWABI LAKE

Year round home on Miskwabi Lake. 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, with full finished basement and attached garage. \$319,900. Call Linda Beachli and Peter Brady.

HOMES/COTTAGES

KASHAGA DRIVE \$439,000



Newly constructed home on 5 lake chain. Level lot with 100 ft sandy beach. Wild life abundant in the 1.75 acre lot. Many upgrades and tastefully decorated. Master bedroom with ensuite. Call for appointment. Call Tom & Gail Tempest

VACANT LOTS



BUILDING LOT

As near as possible to Burdock Lake this building lot is on a municipal year round road. 20' trailer on site. Building & septic permits, hydro & phone at road, stream on site. \$19,700. Call Cathy Lancia

SALERNO LAKE \$6,000

Easy to build on back lot with deeded access to Salerno Lake.

Call Tom & Gail
Tempest

WALKERS LINE

Level to sloping building lot. Ideal for full walkout basement. 180ft. frontage on year round township maintained road.

\$11,500

Call Fred Gardner

VACANT LOTS

WREN LAKE

Over 500 ft of pristine shoreline on a beautiful clear lake that has great fishing, swimming & boating.

Listed at
\$89,900

Call Fred Gardner

BIRCH BARK LAKE

Beautiful waterfront, only 8 cottages on the lake, hydro & phone on the property. Very private & secluded. A rare find!

\$99,000

Call Erwin Roithmeier

Bobcaygeon Road,
1km north Queen Line. Many bldg sites, 10.3 acres \$14,900
County Rd. #7, Redstone Lake Dam Road
Bldg site cleared, road in, 5.5 acres \$19,900

Bear Lake Road
Drilled well, septic, trailer - 8.2 acres \$49,700
Call Fred Chapple

COMMERCIAL

LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!



Superb commercial property at the busiest corner in terms of traffic flow in Haliburton County! Corner of Hwy #35 and Hwy #121 in Minden. 4 rental units. Comprehensive C-3 zoning. Just listed \$299,000. Call Bill Kulas



PRIME COMMERCIAL

Prime property at the corner of Hwy #35 and Main St., Minden, Great visibility, 9900 sq. ft. building, town water and sewers, paved parking, commercial zoning. \$500,000. Call Melanie Vigrass.



MINDEN SUBWAY

Consistently one of Ontario's top stores. Excellent Hwy #35 location. Clean and modern facility. Call now for details! Call Rick Lowes



SELF STORAGE BUSINESS

Excellent opportunity in prime location at Hwy #35 and Hwy #118. Five self storage buildings plus 2 apartments on site. Excellent books and low maintenance. \$799,000. Call Melanie Vigrass